



City of Takoma Park

Takoma Park Police Department

Safety for Children Physically Returning to School Beginning Mid-March

In Montgomery County, families/children who opted to go back to school in-person will be doing so beginning March 15 and again April 6.

Takoma Park Police would like to remind drivers and residents to be extra vigilant to ensure the safety of our school children during the rest of the school year.

Our Crossing Guards' primary responsibility is to facilitate the safe crossing of students to and from school each day in all weather conditions. These crossing guards are trained and certified in traffic and pedestrian safety. Each one wears a highly visible bright yellow reflective safety vest.

Takoma Park Police remind drivers that it is very important to obey the posted speed limit and pay close attention to their surroundings at all times. Within a school zone, it is especially important to be alert, drive carefully, and follow the directions of the crossing guards.

Safety Tips for Parents, Motorists, and Children

Expect delays near schools. Know your route, start early, and drive the posted speed limit.

Motorists not involved in dropping off or picking up students should consider adjusting their route or schedule in order to avoid arrival and dismissal traffic in front of schools.

Park only in lawful areas. Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk is against the law and can obstruct visibility for both pedestrians and motorists.

Unload school children onto the sidewalk or right side of the vehicle. Unloading school children into a traffic lane could put a child in harm's way.

Instruct children to remain alert and look left, right, and then left again before crossing the street.

All pedestrians should not use cell phones to talk or text, nor wear headphones when crossing.

Wishing everyone a successful, happy and safe rest of the school year!